Senate Bill 178

Senate Bill 178 relates to administering drugs to pupils in compliance with instructions of practitioners. The committee held a public hearing on the bill on September 12, 2001. Senator Robson would like the committee to vote on this bill. Please record your vote below and return this ballot to Senator Robson's office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2001.

Moved by Senator Robson that Senate Bill 178 be recommended for passage.

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Signed: Caroler

Date: 08.9, 2001

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Moved by Senator Robson that Senate Bill 178 be recommended for passage.

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Date:

Senate Bill 178

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Moved by Senator Robson that Senate Bill 178 be recommended for passage.

Nay

Date: 10/10/2001

Senate Bill 178

Senate Bill 178 relates to administering drugs to pupils in compliance with instructions of practitioners. The committee held a public hearing on the bill on September 12, 2001. Senator Robson would like the committee to vote on this bill. Please record your vote below and return this ballot to Senator Robson's office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2001.

Moved by Senator Robson that Senate Bill 178 be recommended for passage.

Aye

Nay

Signed:

Date: 10/cs/s7

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Moved by Senator Robson that Senate Bill 178 be recommended for passage.

Aye

Signed: Nove Hansen

Date: 10/12/01

Senate Bill 178

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Moved by Senator Robson that Senate Bill 178 be recommended for passage.

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Date:

Senate Bill 178

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Moved by Senator Robson that Senate Bill 178 be recommended for passage.

Nay

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Wisconsin Association of School Nurses

Statement of the Wisconsin Association of School Nurses in Support of Senate Bill 178

September 12, 2001

Senate Bill 178 would amend Section 118.29 of the Wisconsin Statutes, which regulates the administration of drugs to pupils, by adding optometrist, physician assistant, and advanced practice nurse prescriber to the definition of "practitioner". This definition is important because school employees are allowed to administer drugs to pupils only when they have written instructions from a "practitioner" as defined in the statute. The current definition includes only physician, dentist, and podiatrist.

The bill would make 118.29 consistent with other state statutes, which allow optometrists, physician assistants, and advanced practice prescribers to prescribe medications. It would also allow innovative programs focused on improving students' health and well-being, such as the one being implemented by the Madison Metropolitan School District, to proceed. These programs will allow for the treatment of sicknesses more quickly, which will mean that kids will not be sick as long, they won't miss as much school, and they won't expose their illnesses to as many of their classmates.

In the case of nurses, the legislature and governor amended the state statute regulating the practice of nursing (Section 441) in 1993 to allow advanced practice nurses who meet certain education, training and examination requirements to issue prescriptions. Unfortunately, Section 118.29 was not also amended to be in compliance with Section 441. The attorney for the Board on Nursing has said that this was an oversight.

In Madison, the district is implementing a project that allows Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers employed by the district to diagnose and treat students for minor illnesses. This can involve the writing of prescriptions for medications. Unfortunately, current allow does not allow this to happen.

Please allow such creative and child-focused programs to proceed by passing SB 178 out of committee and moving it to the full Senate for consideration.